

Saint Christopher Episcopal Church
Fairborn, Ohio
The Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio

My **G**race
is sufficient for thee:
for my **strength**
is made perfect
in **w e a k n e s s .**

2 C o r i n t h i a n s 1 2 : 9

Welcome!

Be thoughtful, be silent, and be reverent,
for this is the house of God.

Before the service, speak to the Lord.

During the service, let the Lord speak to you.

After the service, speak to one another during fellowship
So we may become friends and be strangers no longer.

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 8, 2018

The Celebration of Holy Communion

Ten o'clock in the morning

Nursery Care – 10:00 AM

Enter to Know Christ – Leave to Make Him Known

~ Hail Guest! We ask not what thou art; If Friend, we greet thee, hand and heart;
If Stranger, such no longer be; If Foe, our love shall conquer thee! ~

The Liturgy of the Word

The Prelude

Special Music

All as are able, standing

The Processional Hymn: # 376..... “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

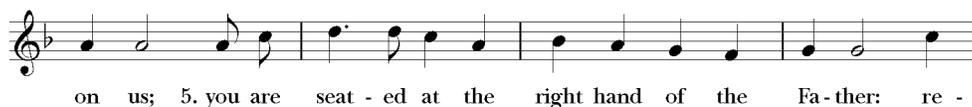
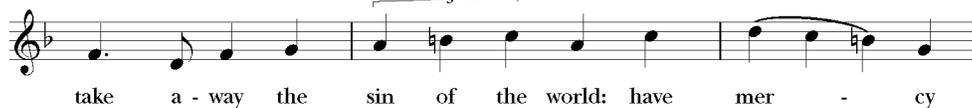
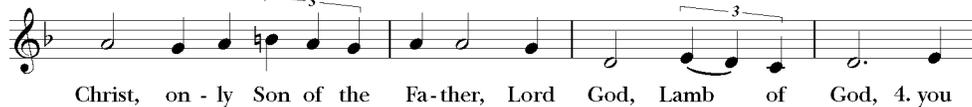
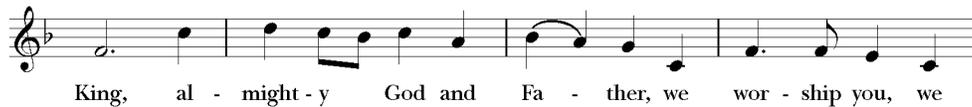
The Collect for Purity

(in unison)

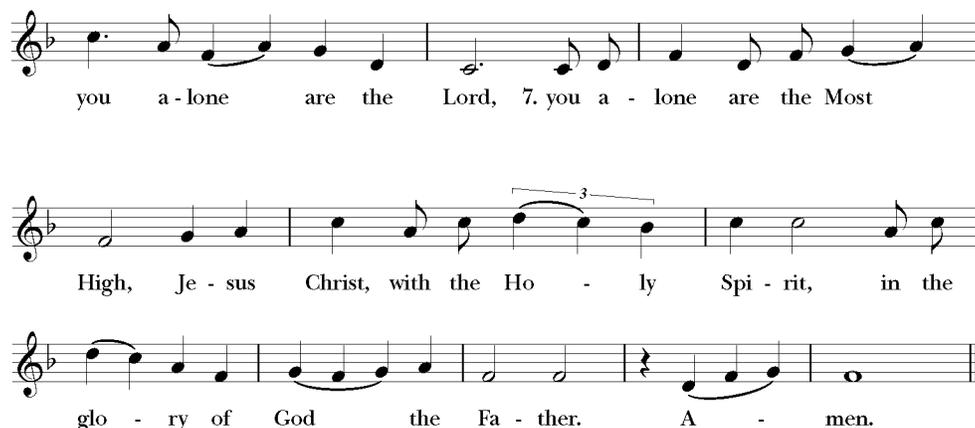
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Hymn of Praise

“Glory to God” S 280



“Glory to God” (Cont.)



you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading **Ezekiel 2:1-5**

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm: 123 *Ad te levavi oculos meos*

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- 3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God, *
until he show us his mercy.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- 5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

The Second Reading **2 Corinthians 12:2-10**

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All as are able, standing

The Gradual Hymn: # 530 “Spread, O Spread, Thou Mighty Word” Vs 1-3

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Holy Gospel **Mark 6:1-13**

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gradual Hymn: # 530 “Spread, O Spread, Thou Mighty Word” Vs 4

The Homily

The Rev. Susan Mills

The Nicene Creed

All as are able, standing.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

All as are able, standing

Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised! Let us offer our prayers, saying, “Be our guide, O God, for evermore: send us out to do the work you have given us to do.”

O God, send us out to proclaim the good news of repentance and forgiveness in Jesus’ name. By the sufficiency of your grace, comfort and strengthen your Church. We pray especially for our bishop and our clergy. May all those who take council for the Church be wholly devoted to you.

Silence

Be our guide, O God, for evermore:

Send us out to do the work you have given us to do.

O God, send us out, that your praise might reach to the ends of the earth. May all know your right hand to be full of justice; defend the poor and oppressed.

Silence

Be our guide, O God, for evermore:

Send us out to do the work you have given us to do.

O God, all that you touch is beautiful; your holy presence brings joy to all the earth: bless your creation with prosperity.

Silence

Be our guide, O God, for evermore:

Send us out to do the work you have given us to do.

O God, we thank you for our parks and places of recreation. Bless them to be places of welcome and hospitality. Bless us with opportunities to take pleasure in beauty and leisure.

Invite the congregation to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence

Be our guide, O God, for evermore:

Send us out to do the work you have given us to do.

O God, send us out into the world to pray for and love those in need. Strengthen our faith in your healing power. We pray to you for the sick and suffering today because we trust in your love. Hear our prayers for those in pain and distress: especially

Carol, Joanne, Joyce, Toni, Lynda, Daphne, Florence, Warren,
Gretchen, Peggy, Camden, Frank, Joe, Nikki, Edwin, Jim and Ann,
Zada, Betty, James, Jan, Peg, Doris, Deb, Vicky, Tammy, and for all those who lost their health and freedom through addiction.

Invite the congregation to add their petitions, followed by silence

Be our guide, O God, for evermore:

Send us out to do the work you have given us to do.

O God, you have established your heavenly kingdom forever. Bring us, with all who have died, into the eternal joy of that kingdom. Especially we remember this day: children and loved ones, those who have lost their lives to violence, and those who have laid down their lives in the service of their country (6921).

Silence

Be our guide, O God, for evermore:

Send us out to do the work you have given us to do.

(The Prayers of the People are adapted from Praying the Scriptures, Litanies for Sunday Worship, by Jeremiah D. Williamson)

The Confession and Absolution

All as are able, kneeling.

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Celebrant stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

All as are able, standing.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Prayer for a Birthday

(said in unison)

Watch over your child *N.*, O Lord, as *his* days increase; bless and guide *him* wherever *he* may be. Strengthen *him* when *he* stands; comfort *him* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *him* up if *he* fall; and in *his* heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Prayer for an Anniversary

(said in unison)

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who sets the solitary in families: We commend to your continual care the homes in which your people dwell. Put far from them, we beseech you, every root of bitterness, the desire of vainglory, and the pride of life. Fill them with faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness. Knit together in constant affection those who, in holy wedlock, have been made one flesh. Turn the hearts of the parents to the children, and the hearts of the children to the parents; and so enkindle fervent charity among us all, that we may evermore be kindly affectioned one to another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Healing Prayers are offered at the back of the church
during Holy Communion.*

The Liturgy of the Table



The Celebrant gives the offertory sentence.

The Music at the Offertory

“O Rest in the Lord” Felix Mendelssohn
Solo: John Ziegenhagen

The Doxology

All as are able, standing

Hymn #380 vs 3, Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving,

All as are able, remain standing.

The Sursum Corda

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord” S-129

(sing in unison)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

(in unison)

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Celebrant continues

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray, *(sing in unison)*

Lord's Prayer: "Our Father" by Melody Kelley

Our Father

Melody Kelley

Worshipfully

Our Fa-ther, which art in heav-en, hal-low-ed be Thy Ho-ly

6 name. Thy king-dom come, Thy will be done, on earth as in heav-en. 3

11 Give us this day our dai-ly bread, and for-give our sins as

16 we for-give oth-ers. And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion but de- 3

21 liv-er us from e-vil, for Thine is the king-dom and the

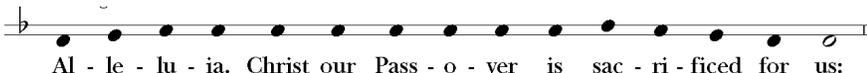
25 pow-er, and the glo-ry for-ev-er, for-ev-er, a-men.

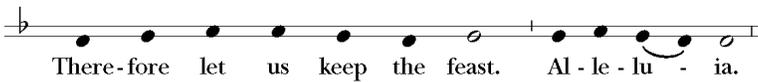
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The Breaking of the Bread

A period of reflective silence is kept.

The Fraction Anthem: S 152

Celebrant 
Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

People 
There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Administration of Communion

The Celebrant says

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

~ All are welcome to the Lord's Table: open to all who come, so all may be fed. ~

The Communion Hymns: # 756 "Lead Me, Guide Me, Along the Way"
671 "Amazing Grace"

The Post Communion Prayer

All as are able, kneeling.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray

(in unison)

Eternal God, Heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of His Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The Recessional Hymn: #637 "How Firm a Foundation"

The Announcements

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Postlude

Special Music

Melody Kelley



Welcome and Thank You to The Rev. Susan Mills
for joining us today as our Celebrant!

ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMINDERS

- ☆ Altar flowers Sunday July 8 – given by the Walbroehls.
- ☆ Sunday July 15 – ECW used book sale
- ☆ Sunday July 15 – 11:30 NO Vestry meeting;
Next Vestry meeting Sunday August 19
- ☆ Sunday July 22 – 4th Sunday FISH donations.
- ☆ Thursday July 26 – Outing: Amish Lunch
- ☆ Weekly Healing Service – Tuesdays at noon a Healing Service is held in the church proper. The service is open to anyone who wants to attend.
- ☆ Check sign-up sheets – On the counter in Christopher’s Corner there are sign-up sheets for **altar flowers**, sanctuary candles, fellowship, ECW activities, Prayer Chain, etc. ****Please consider signing up for Altar Flowers and/or to host Coffee Hour. Many dates are available!**
- ☆ OUTREACH –Remember Box Tops for Education. Please continue with donations for FISH; they need shampoo, tooth brushes, cereal, peanut butter, deodorant, toilet paper, sugar, and other Food items. And feed your change to our bank – for 2 cents a meal.
- ☆ Prayer Concerns: Please call or email Joyce D’Alessandris to activate the Prayer Chain.
e-mail: dallessa@aol.com, phone: 254-0005.
- ☆ The July/August Lantern – is online at stchristophersfairborn.org. A printed copy is available upon request.
- ☆ We are still collecting used printer cartridges. They can be recycled at the office supply stores. There is a plastic container in Christopher’s corner for you to fill!!

Special Event July 26...

Thursday July 26: Amish Lunch

We will travel north of Bellefontaine for an Amish lunch in an Amish home owned and operated by Nancy and Mavin Helmuth. Either before or after, we will go to an Amish store that is run by a Hutterite family who are friends of Mary’s. On the way home, we can stop at Marie’s Candies in West Liberty. See the Fellowship article in the July/August Lantern for more information.

*****ALERT!! -- Sign-up for Altar flowers – for July/August: several dates are open. **We have used up our credits from previous duplicate donations. If no one signs up for vacant Sundays, we won’t have flowers on the altar. When you make a payment for flowers, please note the amount given, and the date for the flowers.**



We also need sign-ups for hosting Coffee Hour.



Coffee Fellowship

*** Remember to sign up for coffee hour.
Coffee hour does not have to be elaborate.
More than one family can share, and then it’s almost no trouble at all.

~ MISSION STATEMENT ~

**“Living the Great Commandment by Ministering
to Our Neighbors in Body, Mind and Spirit.”**

Celebrant	The Rev. Susan Mills
Worship Leader	Cindy Feltz
Chalice Bearers	James Lester
Acolyte	Ed Smith
First Reader	Sierra Lester
Second Reader	John Stauffer
Ushers	Ann Foster, Sierra Lester
Healing Prayers	tbd
Greeters	Darlene and Gordon Walbroehl
Nursery	Volkmer
Altar Guild	Andrea Haberecht
Tellers	Gordon Hermann, Ed Smith
Fellowship	Walbroehl
Director of Music Ministries	Melody Kelley
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